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Continuation of the Criticiſm on the Tragedy of the Duke of Millaine, *by* Maſſinger.

Sfo. BUT if Example
Of my Fidelity to the *French* (whoſe Honours,
Titles, and Glories, are now mix'd with yours;
As Brooks devour'd by Rivers, loſe their Names)
Has Power to invite you to make him a Friend,
That hath given evident Proof, he knows to love,
And to be thankful; this my Crown, now yours,
You may reſtore me; and in me inſtruct
Theſe brave Commanders (ſhould your Fortune change,
Which now I wiſh'd not) what they may expect
From noble Enemies for being faithful.
The Charges of the War I will defray,
And what you may not without Hazard force,
Being freely to you: I'll prevent the Cries
Of murder'd Infants, and of raviſh'd Maids,
Which in a City ſack'd call on Heaven's Juſtice,
And ſtop the Courſe of glorious Victories.
And when I know the Captains and the Soldiers
That have in the late Battle done beſt Service,
And are to be rewarded; I, myſelf
According to their Quality and Merits
Will ſee them largely recompenc'd. I have ſaid,
And now expect my Sentence.

Alph. By this Light,
'Tis a brave Gentleman.

Med. How like a Block
The Emperor ſits?

Her. He hath deliver'd Reaſons,
Eſpecially in his Purpoſe to enrich
Such as fought bravely (I myſelf am one,
I care not who knows it) as I wonder, that
He can be ſo ſtupid. Now he begins to ſtir,
Mercy an't be thy Will.

Charl. Thou haſt ſo far
Outgone my Expectation, noble *Sforza*,
(For ſuch I hold thee) and true Conſtancy,
Rais'd on a brave Foundation, bears ſuch Palm
And Privilege with it; that where we behold it,
Tho' in an Enemy, it does command us
To love and honour it. By my future Hopes,
I am glad for thy Sake, that in ſeeking Favour,
Thou didſt not borrow of Vice her indirect,
Crooked, and abject Means: And for mine own,
(That ſince my Purpoſes muſt now be chang'd
Touching thy Life and Fortunes) the World cannot
Tax me of Levity in my ſettled Counſels;
I being neither wrought by tempting Bribes,
Nor ſervile Flattery; but forc'd unto it,
By a fair War of Virtue. *Hern.* This ſounds well.

Charl. All former Paſſages of Hate be buried;
For thus with open Arms I meet thy Love,
And as a Friend embrace it: And ſo far
I am from robbing thee of the leaſt Honour,
That with my Hands, to make it ſit the faſter,
I ſet thy Crown once more upon thy Head:
And do not only ſtile thee Duke of *Millain*,
But vow to keep thee ſo: Yet not to take
From others, to give only to myſelf,
I will not hinder your Magnificence
To my Commanders, neither will I urge it,
But in that, as in all Things elſe, I leave you
To be your own Diſpoſer.

[*To be continued.*]

The Dying Speech of Robert Frances *of* Grays-Inn, *Eſq;* July 24, 1685. *Delivered by his own Hand to the Ordinary, at the Place of Execution, deſiring the ſame might be publiſhed.* (See our laſt *Regiſter*, Page 2. Column 3.

I Am here, by the Divine Permiſſion and Providence of God, become a Spectacle to God, Angels and Men, for a raſh, extravagant and imprudent Act; wherein I do confeſs I have not only offended againſt the Government and Courts of Juſtice, but againſt Chriſtianity, and even the Rules of Morality itſelf. Nevertheleſs (I hope) not only the Court, but all unbiaſs'd Men, from the ſeveral Circumſtances of the Fact, are ſatisfied that I had no malicious Intent of doing what fell out, nor had any Grudge or perſonal Prejudice to him, upon any Account whatſoever, more than what all honeſt and good Men could not have, that love the King and the Government; the ſolemn Truth of all which, I have declared, not only upon the Holy Sacrament I receiv'd from Mr. *Maſter*, but alſo that I never knew nor ſaw him before that unhappy Moment, ſave once at a Diſtance in the Pillory at *Weſtminſter*; and do now, as a dying Man, ſolemnly avow and proteſt the ſame: And therefore I hope I may boldly ſay, I am not conſcious of any Guilt before God as to the Malice: However God in his great Wiſdom, has been pleaſed to ſuffer this great Calamity to fall upon me, and I hope this his ſevere Chaſtiſement is in order to bring me to himſelf, when ſofter Means had not ſufficiently done it. All them that know me (I am ſure) will do me that Juſtice as to believe I am far from having done it either wilfully or mercenarily (as moſt untruly is reported) and that theſe honourable Perſons are above the Thoughts of ſuch unworthy Things, for which they have been as maliciouſly as falſely traduced upon my Score; I beg their Pardon for the Scandal I have unhappily been the Occaſion of, and deſire this Acknowledgment may be by them, accepted as a Reparation, ſince to diſown it at this Time of my Death, is all the Satisfaction I am able to make them.

As to my Religion (however I have been repreſented) there are People that knew me at the Univerſity, and ſince, that can be my Witneſſes how obedient and zealous a Son of the *Church of England* (by Law eſtabliſhed) I have been.

And theſe worthy Divines that did me the Favour to viſit me in Affliction, will give the World an Account (as Occaſion ſerves) of my Integrity therein: And if I had been as zealous in the Service of God as my Prince, he would not have left me ſo much to myſelf, as to have permitted me to have fallen into this unexpected Extremity.

And as for my Morals, the honourable Society of *Gray's Inn* will anſwer for me, than in above twelve Years Time, I have had the Honour of being admitted a Member of that Society, I never had any Quarrel or Controverſy with any Member thereof; and all Perſons with whom I have had Converſation, I queſtion not will give me a good Character of my innocent and peaceable Behaviour.

I pray God Almighty preſerve and bleſs his moſt ſacred Majeſty, his Royal Conſort Queen *Mary*, *Katharine* the Queen Dowager, their Royal Highneſſes, and all the Royal Family; and grant that there may never want one of that Royal Line to ſway the Sceptres of theſe Kingdoms, as long as Sun and Moon endure, in the Union and Love of his Subjects, ſtrengthen him that he may vanquiſh and overcome all his his Enemies, which I am glad to have ſeen ſo much Proſpect of, and am only ſorry I am cut off from ſeeing my ſo much deſired Satisfaction, of thoſe happy Days, all his good Subjects will enjoy under his auſpicious Government. I pray God forgive me my Sins, that have made me unworthy of that Bleſſing.

Bleſſed be the Lord that I have lived ſo as not to be aſham'd to live, or afraid to die; though I cannot but regret my being made a Sacrifice to a Faction, who I am ſatisfied are the only People that will rejoice in my Ruin; for there is no Man that loves his Prince, but will lament that nothing leſs than the Blood of an inoffenſive Man (ſave in this ſingle Extravagance) can ſatisfy them for the ſudden intemperate Tranſport of Zeal and Paſſion againſt one ſo notoriouſly wicked and infamous; for I do proteſt before Almighty God (before whom I ſhall immediately appear) that when I went to the Coach-Side, I did not intend ſo much as to ſpeak to him, or believe I could have had Opportunity of ſo doing, much leſs of doing him any Harm: Neither is it probable that I ſhould with a ſmall Bambow Cane, no bigger than a Man's little Finger, without any Iron upon it, much leſs a Dart in it, as it was moſt induſtriouſly ſpread abroad, to prejudice me in the Opinion of the World: For if I had had ſuch a wicked Deſign intentionally, I had a little ſhort Sword by my Side, much more proper for ſuch a Purpoſe. And further, if I had believed, or known, I had done any Harm to him, I had Opportunity enough of eſcaping afterwards, which I never endeavour'd. Now all theſe Things being duly weighed, with their ſeveral Circumſtances, I leave my ſad Caule to the Conſideration of all ſober and charitable Men. However I would not have this to be interpreted as a Reflection upon the Court, who, I doubt not, are by this Time ſatisfied (and Mr. Recorder did in open Court declare) that in their Conſciences they did not believe I maliciouſly deſign'd him the Miſchief that happen'd, but that it was purely accidental. But in the ſtrict Conſtruction of Law, I was found guilty of Murder.

But that which moſt ſenſibly afflicts me, and is worſe to me than Death; that I cannot ſuffer alone, but that they have not only raiſed Scandals upon me in particular, preparatory to it, but upon my poor innocent Wife, as if my Jealouſy of her had been the Reaſon of my Animoſity to *Dangerfield*; when I am morally certain ſhe never ſaw him in her whole Life; ſave that fatal Moment; and no Couple (as hundreds can witneſs) have lived in better Correſpondence. And beſides that, ſhe is as virtuous a Woman as lives, and born of ſo good and loyal a Family, that if ſhe had been ſo inclin'd, would ſcorn to have proſtituted herſelf to ſo profligate a Perſon. But on the contrary (God is my Witneſs) I never had any ſuch Thoughts of her, and do as verily believe, as there is a God in Heaven, I never had any Reaſon, ſhe having always been the moſt indulgent, kind and loving Wife that ever Man had, and in my Conſcience one of the beſt of Women; nay, I am ſo far from ſuſpecting her Virtue, that ſhe is the only Loſs I regret on Earth, and can freely part with every Thing elſe here below without repining, which in all my Trouble I have own'd before all People, and particularly Mr. *Maſter*, Mr. Ordinary and Mr. *Smithies* of *Cripplegate*; who can all teſtify thoſe Tears and endeared Expreſſions that have paſſed between us, when any of them did me the Kindneſs to viſit me in my Diſtreſs.

And I do, from the Bottom of my Heart, freely forgive the Witneſſes that ſwore againſt me *thoſe Words I never ſpoke*, for as I ſhall anſwer at the Great Tribunal, I ſaid no other or more Words than theſe, *How now, Friend, have you had your Heat this Morning?* For all the Ill they have done me, give them Repentance good God, even for theſe that have contributed to the ſhedding of my Blood, I pray thee ſhed thy Bowels of Mercy.

I do heartily thank thoſe Noble and Honourable Perſons, and all other my Friends, that have ſo charitably interpos'd with his Majeſty on my Behalf (tho' it hath proved unſucceſsful) I pray God nevertheleſs to return their kind Endeavours, a thouſand Fold into their own Boſoms; Lord return it to them and theirs.

Lord Jeſus receive my Soul, thy Will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. Amen, Amen, Amen.

ROBERT FRANCES.

Licenſed July 24, 1685. Ro. L'Eſtrange.

SATURDAY, *May* 17.

AN humble Addreſs having been preſented to his Majeſty by the Hon. Houſe of Commons a little before the Riſing of the Parliament, deſiring that Copies might be prepar'd and laid before the Houſe at their next Meeting, of all the Repreſentations, Memorials, or Petitions, made to the late King, his preſent Majeſty, or his Miniſters, ſince 1725, relating to the Depredations committed by the *Spaniards* in *Europe* or *America*; as al-

ſo Inſtructions given by the Secretaries of State, or Lords of the Admiralty, to the Governors of the *Britiſh* Plantations or Commanders of Men of War, his Majeſty has promiſed to give proper Orders thereupon.

A few Days ago a Servant of Mr. *Gaſcoigne*, of *Barking*, having ſhut up three Hounds from the reſt of the Pack, forgot to feed them, two of whom fell upon the third and eat him; and when the Man went to look after them, 'twas with Difficulty that he eſcap'd being torn to Pieces by them.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to create the Hon. *William Clayton*, Eſq; one of the Lords Commiſſioners of the Treaſury and Member of Parliament for the City and Liberty of *Weſtminſter*, a Peer of *Ireland*, by the Name, Stile and Title of Baron of *Sundon* in that Kingdom.——Sir *Robert Corbet*, Bart. is made one of the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in the room of *Henry Hale*, Eſq; deceas'd.

Deaths. On Thurſday died the Lady of General *Compton*, at his Houſe in *Great Marlborough-ſtreet*.

MONDAY, *May* 19.

They write from *Cirenceſter* in *Glouceſterſhire*, that one *Cam*, a young Fellow of that Town, lately coming home drunk, raviſh'd his own Mother, and cut his Father's Throat.

We hear from *Kent* of an intended Robbery attended with very barbarous Circumſtances: A Woman came on Thurſday Morning laſt, when the Family were at Church, except a Child of about ten or eleven Years old, and its Mother, to whom the Woman ſaid, that ſhe wanted her Money, and her Money ſhe muſt have; but the Mother having a Preſence of Mind, told her, ſhe had no Money, but what was in a Cheſt of Drawers in an Inner Room, which the Woman went to rifle; but the Mother in the mean Time clapp'd the Door to and ſecur'd it, and ſent her Child to Church to call her Father; but the Child by the Way met a Tinker, who told her, ſhe might go back, for her Father was coming; upon which the Child went back with the Tinker, but the Mother had ſecur'd the outer Door before their Return, ſo that they could not get in; which the Tinker finding, he ſwore he would kill the Child if the Door was not open'd, which being refus'd, he cut off one of the Child's Arms, and finding her ſtill reſolute in not opening the Door, he cut off the other: By which Time the Father and other People coming from Church, apprehended them both. The Child is ſince dead.

Laſt Wedneſday an Attorney in *Red-Lion-ſtreet, Clerkenwell*, receiv'd a Letter, ordering him to lay 20 Guineas in a particular Place ſpecify'd in the Letter, which if he did not comply with he ſhould be murder'd, and his Houſe burnt; and on Saturday he receiv'd another Letter, fill'd with dreadful Imprecations, that they would murder him, his Family and Servants, and fire his Houſe, if he did not immediately comply with their former Requeſt.

Preferments. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Sir *Robert Walpole*, Knight of the moſt Noble Order of the Garter, *George Dodington*, Eſq; Sir *George Oxenden*, Bart. *William Clayton*, Eſq; and the Right Hon. *George* Earl of *Cholmondeley*, to be Commiſſioners for executing the Office of Treaſurer of his Majeſty's Exchequer.——His Majeſty has alſo been pleaſed to appoint the Right Hon. *Benjamin* Earl *Fitzwalter*, *Thomas Pelham*, *Martin Bladen*, *Edward Aſhe*, Eſqs; Sir *Orlando Bridgeman*, Bart. *James Brudenell*, Eſq; Sir *Archer Croſts*, Bart. and *Richard Plummer*, Eſq; to be Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations.

Death. A few Days ſince died at the *Bath*, the Rev. Mr. *Sherwin*, Vicar of *Collingborne* in *Wilts*, and Reſidentiary of the Cathedral Church of *Chicheſter*.

Bankrupts. Edward Watſon, of *Southampton-ſtreet* in the *Strand*, *Middleſex*, Linnen-draper. ——*Francis Tunks*, of *Tottenham-High-Croſs*, *Middleſex*, Butcher and Chapman.——*Joſiah Whetcombe*, late of *Taunton*, *Somerſet*, Taylor and Chapman.——*Thomas Jones* and *William Jones*, of *London*, Lightermen and Partners. ——*Alice Stephens*, of *Falmouth*, *Cornwall*, Draper and Mercer.

TUESDAY, *May* 20.

On Saturday laſt, in the *King's-Bench*, the Lord Chief Juſtice deliver'd the Opinion of the Twelve Judges upon the Special Verdict found ſome Time ſince at *Somerſet* Aſſizes, upon the following Caſe: The three Defendants, *John Francis*, *William Grey*, and *Robert Cooke*, (in Company with three others not taken) meeting Mr. *Cox* upon *Kingdown-Hill*, deſir'd him to change Half a Crown, to give a poor *Scotchman* Sixpence who lay in the Road, but prov'd to be one of their own Gang; Mr. *Cox* taking his Money out of his Pocket in order to change the Half Crown, they obſerving ſeveral Pieces of Gold among it, ſtruck it out of his Hand; upon which Mr. *Cox* ſaying he would not loſe his Money ſo, and going to pick it off the Ground, they threaten'd to knock his Brains out, if he offer'd to touch it, and then took it up themſelves and rode off. Mr. *Cox* purſued them about half a Mile, but they return'd back, and ſwore they would kill him if he did not deſiſt.

The Special Verdict found all the Facts, *viz.* The ſtriking the Money out of his Hand, the taking it away, and putting him in Fear when they took it: But, after the finding the ſtriking the Money out of the Proſecutor's Hand, the Verdict ſaying only, *that then, and there, the Defendants immediately took it up*, (if it had been, *then and there, at the ſame Time*, it would have hang'd them it's thought) it was urg'd by their Counſel that this could not be a Robbery, as laid in the Indictment, that being an actual taking from the Perſon, or in the Preſence of the Perſon, and in this Caſe, the Money being on the Ground, and the Verdict not having expreſly found that the Defendants took it up in the Preſence of the Proſecutor, nothing can be intended but what the Jury have expreſly found. On the other Side it was ſaid, that the ſtriking of the Money out of his Hand, and the taking it off the Ground, was all one Act; and if thoſe two Things could be connected, and one conſider'd as the Commencement, and the other the Completion of it, thoſe Words, *in his Preſence*, are not neceſſary; that no intermediate Act was found, and that the taking commenc'd from the firſt Force.

The Opinion of the Judges, as declar'd by the Lord *Hardwicke*, was, That on the Special Verdict they were not guilty of the Felony and Robbery as charg'd in the Indictment; but that on the Facts and Circumſtances, as found therein, it appeared they were guilty of Grand Larceny.

The Defendants were therefore remanded to *Newgate*, in order to be remov'd to *Ivelcheſter* Gaol, to be try'd for the ſame Crime at the Aſſizes for the County of *Somerſet*.

Laſt Sunday *Herbert Haynes*, the Barber, lately committed to *Newgate* as one of the *Eſſex* Gang, was remov'd by a Habeas Corpus to *Chelmsford*, in order to take his Trial at the next Aſſizes there, on the Information of *Wheeler* the Evidence, for ſeveral Robberies committed in that County, the ſaid *Wheeler* having nothing to alledge againſt him as to any Robberies committed in the County of *Middleſex*.

John Croſſe, Eſq; Member in the laſt Parliament for *Wotton-Baſſet*, Son to Sir *Thomas Croſſe*, of the City of *Weſtminſter*, Bart. is choſen Repreſentative for *Leſtwithiel* in *Cornwall*, in the room of *Matthew Ducie Morton*, now Lord *Morton*.

The laſt Letters from *Avignon* mention the late Duke of *Ormond*'s Recovery from a violent Fever at that Place, in the 73d Year of his Age.

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to preſent the Sum of 1000 *l.* to the General Aſſembly of the Church of *Scotland*, for the Encouragement of itinerant Preachers and Catechiſts in the Highlands and Iſlands of that Kingdom.

On Friday laſt Sir *Richard Hopkins*, Sub-Governor of the *South-Sea* Company, waited upon his Majeſty with the Addreſs agreed to by the laſt General Court, repreſenting the Reſtraints impoſed upon the Company by the *Spaniards*, and the ſeveral Hardſhips they have ſuffer'd, begging his Majeſty's Interpoſition in order to procure a proper Redreſs, *&c.* We hear his Majeſty was pleaſed to receive the ſame very graciouſly, and to acquaint Sir *Richard*, that the Company may aſſure themſelves of his Protection and beſt Endeavours to relieve them; but that being to leave the Kingdom the next Day, and their Allegations of the utmoſt Importance, he was oblig'd to take Time to examine into their Complaints, and could give no Anſwer till his Return from his *German* Dominions.

Preferment. Laſt Week the Rev. Mr. *Gough*, M. A. was preſented by the Lord Chancellor to the Rectory of *Eaſt Tilbury* in *Eſſex*, worth 200 *l. per Annum*.

Death. On Saturday laſt died at *Staines*, in the 24th Year of her Age, of the Small Pox, *Barbara*, Lady *Moleſworth*, Wife of Sir *John Moleſworth*, of *Pencarrow* in *Cornwall*, Bart. Her Ladyſhip was ſeiz'd with that Diſtemper as ſhe paſs'd thro' the Town (exactly in the ſame Manner as her Mother was, who died there ſome Years ago) as ſhe was returning with Sir *John* to their Seat in *Cornwall*.

WEDNESDAY, *May* 21.

A few Days ſince four Publicans being drinking together at *Dartford* in *Kent*, and bragging much of their Manhood, upon ſeparating, two going one Way, and the others another, one of the latter propoſed to the other, that if he would exchange Horſes with him, he would follow the other two and rob them; which being complied with, he took a proper Opportunity to come up with one of them, and demanding his Money, received from him ſeven Shillings and Six-pence; but the next Day telling the whole Affair, by way of Joke, not only to the Perſon who loſt the Money, but to others, a Perſon in Company hearing it, who had a Grudge to the pretended Thief, has ſince inſiſted that the Perſon who loſt the Money ſhall proſecute the other for a Robbery on the Highway; ſo that 'tis likely to prove a very ſilly Frolick.

Yeſterday, at a Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, his Lordſhip was pleaſed to nominate *Arthur Dabbs*, Eſq; Citizen and Goldſmith, as a fit and proper Perſon to be one of the Sheriffs of this City and County of *Middleſex* for the Year enſuing.

Sir *John Williams* has taken a large Houſe on the South-Side of St. *Paul*'s Church to keep his Mayoralty in.

Laſt Night one *Joſeph Frier*, a Soldier in Col. *Howard*'s Company in the Guards, was committed to *Newgate* by Juſtice *Deveil*, for a Robbery on *Finchley-Common*, about eleven Weeks ago, in Company with four others not yet taken; they robb'd a Gentleman of 17*l.* who, if he'll appear, may find out the reſt; for the Soldier has confeſs'd the Fact, ſign'd

his Confeſſion, and given in their Names.

On Saturday laſt came on the Election of a Repreſentative in Parliament for *Honiton* in *Devonſhire*, in the room of Sir *William Yonge*, made Secretary at War: The Candidates were Sir *William Yonge*, and the Right Hon. the Lord *Anne Hamilton*, Brother to his Grace the Duke of *Hamilton*, who came thither ſome Days before, declaring himſelf upon the Country Intereſt. The Poll began at Ten, and laſted till Two on Sunday Morning, when Sir *William* was declar'd to have a Majority of 7 Votes; but a Scrutiny was demanded, which began on Monday Morning.

Death. Yeſterday died, at his Houſe in *Dover-ſtreet*, *Humphry Edwin*, Eſq; a near Relation of Sir *Humphry Edwin*, who was Lord Mayor of this City in the Year 1699.

Bankrupts. William Kell, of *Shenfield*, *Eſſex*, Merchant.——*William Everard*, of *Witham*, *Eſſex*, Bay-maker.

THURSDAY, *May* 22.

On Tueſday laſt a Servant to Mr. *Highmore*, a Farmer near *Edgworth*, going into one of his Maſter's Barns to bind Hay, diſcovered with his Fork a great Number of *India* Handkerchiefs, a large Quantity of uncuſtom'd Tea, and no leſs of Brandy and Rum, to the Amount of 800 *l.* and Yeſterday the ſame was brought and entered at the *Cuſtom-houſe*. It is ſuppoſed the Smugglers, who concealed it there, were purſued, otherwiſe they would not have left it in ſo publick a Place.

Yeſterday came on before the Right Hon. the Lord *Hardwicke*, at *Guildhall*, a Trial which has been long depending, between Mr. *Edward Nourſe*, a Surgeon, Plaintiff, and Dr. *Schomberg*, a Phyſician, Defendant, for aſſaulting and beating the former in *Child*'s Coffee-Houſe; when after a Trial of about three Hours, the Jury found a Verdict for the Plaintiff.

The ſame Day a Trial came on at *Guildhall*, before the Lord Chief Baron *Reynolds*, a great Cauſe, wherein the Company of Cordwainers were Plaintiffs, and Mr. *Puxty*, a wealthy Currier and Leather-cutter, in *Shoe-Lane*, Defendant, on an Action brought againſt the Defendant for cutting Leather into ſmall Parcels for the Uſe of the Shoe-makers and ſo vending it; when, after a Trial of near ſeven Hours, the Jury (who were Non-Freemen, reſident in *London*, and ſummon'd by the Coroner of the City) brought in a Verdict for the Defendant.

Laſt Tueſday Night at Eleven o'Clock, a Fire broke out in Mr. *Mitchell*'s Chambers in *Lincoln*'s-*Inn*, almoſt oppoſite to the Sollicitor-General's Houſe in *Chancery-Lane*, and burnt with great Violence for ſome Time; but Engines and other Aſſiſtance coming, it was prevented ſpreading. It is ſaid to be occaſion'd by a Perſon leaving a Candle burning near ſome Papers.

Mr. *Mitchell* is Aſſociate of the Home Circuit; and 'tis apprehended, that many of the Writings which were burnt were of the laſt Importance.

Lincoln's-*Inn* Chapel, ſo famous for the Painting in its Windows, would have been in the utmoſt Danger, had not the Flames been happily prevented ſpreading.

Yeſterday came on the Election of a Repreſentative for *Reading*, in the room of *Richard Pottenger*, Eſq; Recorder of that Town, whoſe Seat in Parliament was vacated by his Acceptance of the Place of a *Welch* Judge, when the ſaid Mr. *Pottenger* was unanimouſly re-choſen.

William Kirkpatrick, of *Ellieſland*, Eſq; Advocate, is choſen Member of Parliament for the Burghs of *Dumfries*, *Kirkcudbright*, &c. in the room of *Charles Areskine*, Eſq; who being choſen there and for the Shire of *Dumfries*, made his Election for the latter.

Laſt Night the Lady of *John Evelyn*, Eſq; Member of Parliament for *Helſton* in *Cornwall*, was ſafely deliver'd of a Son.

We hear the *Eaſt-India* Company have taken out a *Ne exeat Regnum* againſt a certain Perſon, who was going into Foreign Service.

On Monday Night laſt about Ten o'Clock, three Foot-pads having hid themſelves in the Ditch between *Knightsbridge* and *Hyde-Park-Corner*, ſallied out upon one Mr. *Clifton*, an Undertaker, and robb'd him of four or five Pounds in Money, and a Pair of Silver Spurs.

Deaths. On Friday Se'nnight died, at her Seat at *Campbell* Town in *North Britain*, the moſt noble *Elizabeth* Dutcheſs Dowager of *Argyll*, Relict of *Archibald Campbell*, Duke of *Argyll*, who was deputed by the Nobility of *Scotland* to offer that Crown to their Majeſties King *William* and Queen *Mary*; and afterwards, for their Service, carried over a Regiment to *Flanders*, the Officers of which were all of his Family, and the private Men all nam'd *Campbell*. Her Grace was Mother to the preſent Duke of *Argyll*, the Earl of *Iſla* and the Counteſs of *Bute*. She was Daughter to Sir *Lionel Tallmarſh*, of *Helmingham* in *Suffolk*, Great Grandfather to the preſent Earl of *Dyſart*, by *Elizabeth* Dutcheſs of *Lauderdale*.——On Tueſday died, at her Houſe at *Fulham*, the Widow *Limpany*, aged 87; her Husband, a Citizen and Stationer of *London*, died a few Weeks ſince at that Town, aged near 100 Years.

FRIDAY, *May* 23.

On Wedneſday Night about Ten o'Clock, the Right Hon. Sir *Charles Wager* landed at *Whitehall* from on board a Man of War's Boat, which brought him from the *Nore* in eight Hours. And

Yeſterday in the Afternoon the Royal Yachts which carried his Majeſty and his Retinue over to *Holland*, arriv'd ſafe at *Greenwich*.

The ſame Day there was a General Council held at *Kenſington*, when the Commiſſion was broke open and read, appointing her Majeſty Regent; at which Sir *Charles Wager* was preſent, and gave her Majeſty an Account of his having landed the King ſafe and well at *Helvoetſluys*; upon which Sir *Charles* had the Honour to kiſs her Majeſty's Hand.

'Tis remarkable, that within three or four Hours after his Majeſty landed, the Wind tack'd about, and ſtood fair to bring the Fleet back.

The Officer of his Majeſty's Sloop *Fly*, who on Tueſday laſt brought an Account to the Lords of the Admiralty, of his ſeeing the *Carolina* Yacht, with his Majeſty on board, going into *Helvoetſluys* laſt Sunday in the Afternoon, was by their Lordſhips rewarded with 100 Guineas.

His Grace the Duke of *Richmond* as he ſtept out of the Coach from his Majeſty at *Graveſend*, on Saturday Morning laſt, loſt his Watch, which he immediately miſs'd; becauſe the King was pleaſed at that very Inſtant to enquire of him what it was a Clock.

Sir *John Norris* will ſail with his Fleet the firſt fair Wind for *Liſbon*.

On Tueſday laſt the Hon. *Henry Ingram*, Eſq; Brother to the Lord *Irwin*, whoſe Seat in Parliament was vacated, by accepting the Place of the Commiſſary of his Majeſty's Stores and Proviſions in *Minorca*, was re-elected Member of Parliament for *Horſham* in *Suſſex*, without Oppoſition.

A Houſe is building at *Whitehall* for *Townſhend Andrews*, Eſq; Member for *Boſſiney* in *Cornwall*, and Deputy Pay-Maſter of the Forces, which is to be for the Deputy Pay-Maſters of the Army, for the Time being.

The *Proſperous*, Capt. *Taylor*, was loſt on Monday laſt near *Dungeneſs*, bound from *Briſtol* to *London*, with Wine and other Goods; the Crew was happily ſav'd.

Yeſterday the Seſſions began at the *Old Bailey*, when 21 Priſoners were tried, four of whom were capitally convicted, *viz*, *William Hughes*, for the Murder of his Mother; *Elton Lewis*, for the Murder of his Aunt; *Charles Peele*, for ſtealing a Bill of Exchange of 170 *l.* out of the Houſe of the Hon. *Edward Carteret*, Eſq; and *John Sutton*, for robbing *William Power* on the Highway, near St. *Pancras*, of a Silver Watch. Nine were caſt for Tranſportation, and eight acquitted.

On Tueſday Morning laſt a Widow Woman near *Petworth* in *Suſſex*, and her Daughter, who was juſt come from Service, ſick, going out to viſit a Neighbour, and the Daughter having Occaſion to return ſooner than ordinary, was, at her opening the Door, knock'd down, and had her Throat cut in a very ſhocking Manner, there being ſeveral deep Gaſhes beſides that which ſeparated the Wind-Pipe; and 'tis ſuppos'd ſhe ſtruggled very much, being found with ſeveral Cuts in her Hands, Face, *&c.* The Murder was not diſcover'd for ſome Hours, till the Woman returning, found her Houſe rifled, and her Daughter murder'd, upon which ſhe raiſed the Country, and a Man who pretended to be both dumb and lame, was taken up on Suſpicion, ſeveral Spots of Blood, and ſome Part of the Goods being found upon him; and being carried before one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, he was committed to *Horſham* Gaol.

The ſame Day a Man and a Woman who were likewiſe ſuppos'd to be concern'd in the ſaid Murder and Robbery, were apprehended at *Petworth* in *Suſſex*, but being carried before one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, they were acquitted, nothing appearing againſt them.

A Daughter of a certain Tradeſman having taken more Liberty than becomes the Modeſty of her Sex, was ſhut up in a Chamber four Days ago by her Father's Order, and Yeſterday Morning about Seven o'Clock ſtabbed herſelf with a Knife, and died at Nine.

Yeſterday the Committee appointed by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Common-Council, to find out a proper Place for erecting a Manſion-Houſe for the Lord Mayors of this City, met in the Morning at the *Aſſiento* Coffee-Houſe in *Threadneedle-ſtreet*, and from thence, accompany'd by the Surveyors and proper Workmen, went to take a View of *Greſham-College*; and 'tis ſaid they find that Spot of Ground much more commodious than any other. On Tueſday next the Committee are to take a ſecond Survey, and, as 'tis expected, will come to a final Determination.

Preferment. Mr. *Alexander Cruden*, a Bookſeller under the *Royal Exchange*, is made Bookſeller to her Majeſty.

Marriages. Yeſterday at One o'Clock, the moſt Hon. the Marquis of *Lindſay*, Son and Heir Apparent to his Grace the Duke of *Ancaſter*, was married, at *Groſvenor* Chapel, to the Lady *Nicol*, Relict of the late Sir *Charles Gunter Nicol*, Knight of the *Bath*, a Lady of a great Fortune.——On Wedneſday —— *Hargrave*, Eſq; of *New Bond-ſtreet*, was married at *Whitehall* Chapel to Miſs *Reynolds*, a young Gentlewoman of 8000 *l.* Fortune.

Deaths. On Wedneſday Night died, at his Houſe in *King-ſtreet*, *Weſtminſter*, aged 80, Mr. *Briſcoe*, an eminent Apothecary, who follow'd Buſineſs upwards of 40 Years, by which he acquired a Fortune of 30,000 *l.* which devolves to his Son, an eminent Counſellor of *New-Inn*.——On Tueſday laſt died at *Chelſea*, aged 57, *Richard Reynell*, Eſq; a Batchelor of a good Fortune.

FOREIGN NEWS.

PRINCE *Eugene* has undertaken nothing conſiderable ſince his Arrival at the *Imperial* Camp. —— Count *Konigsegg* retires in *Italy* as the Allies advance towards him. —— The Rebels in *Hungary* are already reduced and intirely diſpers'd. —— The King of *Portugal* has taken into his Service near 600 *German* Officers. —— The eldeſt Son of the Chevalier *de St. George* intends to make a Campaign with the Allies in *Lombardy*. —— Baron *Wutgenau*, the brave Governor of *Philipsburg*, is gone thither to ſerve under Count *Konigsegg*. —— The Elector *Palatine* has preſented a Proteſt to the Diet of *Ratisbon*, againſt the Title his *Britannick* Majeſty claims as Elector of *Hanover*, of Arch-Treaſurer of the Empire.

Letters from *Cremona* of the 16th Inſtant, N. S. mention, That on the 12th in the Morning, the *French* and *Piedmonteſe* Troops, having the King of *Sardinia* at their Head, began their March, with a Train of 50 Pieces of Ordnance, in order to advance againſt the Enemy: That the Detachment of *French* quarter'd in *Modena*, march'd out on the 15th, to make room for the *Spaniards*, who were expected there the next Day. 'Tis ſaid that the *Spaniſh* Troops are to have the Honour of beſieging *Mirandola*, and that thoſe of the other Allies will be poſted at ſome Diſtance, to prevent the *Imperialiſts* making any Attempts to interrupt them, in which Caſe the Armies muſt unavoidably come to an Action: But 'tis not thought that Count *Konigsegg* will expoſe himſelf, ſeeing the Superiority of Numbers is ſo manifeſtly againſt him; 'tis rather believ'd, that upon the Approach of the Allies, he will entirely withdraw his Troops to the other Side the *Po*, and ſecure himſelf behind his Lines in the Seraglio, from whence the Enemy will not eaſily diſlodge him, which they muſt do before they can pretend to any Attacks upon *Mantua*. The *French* pretend, that by the Contrivances they have form'd, not the Situation of that Place, nor the Lake that ſurrounds it, nor the *Germans* that will defend it within or without, can poſſibly keep it out of their Hands: Their fertile Inventions are to level all Difficulties.

Our Accounts from the *Rhine* mention, that the Drought has been ſo exceſſively great, that there is no Herbage in the Field, or any Manner of Forage; that however they have a Month's dry Proviſion left, and intend upon the Strength of it to croſs the *Rhine*, and take the *Germans* before their whole Force is aſſembled. The Story of Marſhal *Broglio*'s being to penetrate into *Bavaria* with a Body of 25,000 Men, gains Ground at *Paris*, that General having been very often of late in Conference with Cardinal *de Fleury* and the Keeper of the Seals. The *French* aſſure themſelves that the Elector of *Bavaria* will declare for them, and turn his Arms againſt the Emperor, as ſoon as he finds himſelf ſupported by a ſufficient Force. The large Quantities of Ammunition and warlike Proviſions which have lately fell down the *Saar*, makes it univerſally believ'd that the *French* will undertake the Siege of *Coblentz*.

The King of *Sardinia* is advanc'd with the Allied Army towards the Banks of the *Po*. Count *Konigsegg* has abandon'd all his Poſts on the *Oglio*, and is retir'd to *Montegiana*, between the *Po* and the *Zero*, where he has a Bridge of Communication with the *Seraglio*.

Vienna, May 11. Count *Tarouca*, the *Portugueſe* Miniſter here, has lately had a private Audience of the Emperor, in which he ſhew'd the King of *Portugal*'s Reaſons for his Conduct in Regard to the Court of *Madrid*; and alſo demanded a certain Number of Officers for his *Portugueſe* Majeſty's Service, upon Condition of furniſhing them with Money ſufficient for their Equipage and Journey, of allowing them Pay from the very Day they enter into the Service, and of raiſing them to higher Poſts than what they enjoy at preſent. His *Imperial* Majeſty has conſented to this Propoſal, and publiſh'd an Order of Leave for all Officers whatever to quit his Service and enter into that of *Portugal*; and in Conſequence thereof ſeveral of them have engag'd themſelves with Count *Tarouca*. We hear that Count *Daun* is to be Commander in Chief of the *Portugueſe* Army; he is lately return'd from *Hungary*, whither his *Imperial* Majeſty had ſent him to ſuppreſs a Rebellion among the People bordering on *Tranſylvania*: Six Regiments have march'd againſt the Rebels, and we hope they will be ſufficient to diſperſe them: They have taken Arms at the Inſtigations of Strangers, ſent among them by the young Prince *Ragotzki*, who has renew'd his Pretenſions to *Tranſylvania* ſince he left *France* in 1734; and according to the Account ſent here from *Hungary*, thoſe Rebels are commanded by Officers of different Nations, and among them ſome *Poles*. They now threaten to renew as fatal Diſturbances in *Hungary* as ever were known in that Kingdom, and have already committed the greateſt Cruelties and Depredations: They have defeated a Detachment of the Garriſon of *Buda* that was ſent againſt them, and put every Man, both Officers and Soldiers, to the Sword: And all this they pretend to have a Right to do, becauſe, as they ſay, the *Imperial* Court has not render'd them Juſtice againſt ſeveral Grievances they have from Time to Time complain'd of; all which Complaints were without the leaſt Foundation: So that the Hand of —— is in this Affair, as well as in the Troubles of *Poland*. We have alſo a Report here, that the Elector of *Bavaria* has declar'd that no *Muſcovite* Troops ſhall paſs thro' his Dominions: In the 30,000 deſign'd for the Emperor's Aſſiſtance, are to be 3000 *Tartars*, and as many *Calmucks* from the River *Don*, who are the moſt frightful and the moſt hardy People in *Europe*; there is alſo a Body of 3000 *Coſſacks* to make up the Number.

We hear from *Thorn*, that the Cardinal Primate of *Poland* is to be remov'd from thence to *Lowitz*, his uſual Place of Reſidence, where his Brother, the Palatin of *Kiow*, and the Great Marſhal of the Crown, are to wait on him, and endeavour to perſuade him into a Submiſſion to King *Auguſtus*, as the moſt proper Expedient for putting an End to the Troubles of his Country.

They write from *Frankfort* of the 18th Inſt. that private Letters make Mention of a Project for accommodating the Affairs of *Poland* by a new Election.

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